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# Concrete to be used for new roadway along Main Street

JEREMY C. RUARK Cottage Grove Sentinel

Clear and warm weather has helped move forward the city of Cottage Grove's Main Street Revitalization Project.

The city's contractor, Wildlish, has finished pouring the sidewalks from the 7th Street intersection up to the lot adjacent to KNND Radio. On the south side, the bollards and truncated domes have been installed at the corner of 7th and Main Street, according to a release from the city.

Westward, the curb and gutters are now in place between 6th and 7th Streets. The sidewalks in this section were scheduled to be poured last week. The city release notes that the front access on Main Street to the Thai on Main Restaurant will remain available.

#### **CONCRETE FOR** MAIN STREET

"We anticipate beginning the pouring of the black concrete roads towards the end of this month," Project Coordinator Shauna Neigh said. "It's not asphalt. It will be a block concrete. Concrete holds up

Once the roads and intersections are complete, crews are expected to proceed with Phase 2 of the project. Given the preparatory work already accomplished, the release states that the city expects Phase 2 to be completed in a shorter time frame.

We anticipate sidewalk work to begin on the north side of Main Street in mid-August or early September," Neigh said.



Jeremy C. Ruark / Cottage Grove Sentinel

Wildish crews work on the new sidewalks on the south side of Main Street.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Crews have been diligently working to keep business owners informed of the project's progress and to ensure access to all businesses is restored as quickly as possible, according to the city release.

Drivers are urged to exercise caution when driving through the construction zone. The speed limit has been reduced to 10 mph, and lane sizes have been decreased within the construction area.

It is crucial to reduce speed and remain attentive to pedestrians and workers," the release states. "Please be aware that traffic violation fines are doubled in construction zones."

The multi-million-dollar revitalization project is designed to improve the street, sidewalks, pedestrian crossing areas, lighting, and landscaping along the busy route in the city's Historic District.

In a published Sentinel interview in early March, Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Georgia Haskel emphasized that businesses in the construction site remain open and welcoming.

"Our message is that businesses are open, and they need our support," she said. "We like to say, "Pardon our Dust", we are open! Downtown Cottage Grove is the heart of our community and right now we are having heart surgery. The best way

to help us get through it is to come

The City of Cottage Grove has partnered with the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce with a promotional stamp card. Go shopping in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove, get six stamps, and turn the card into the Chamber of Commerce, located at 836 E. Main Street, for a chance to win \$500 a week in local gift cards.

Follow the downtown promotional events at the Chamber's website and Facebook page.

Read previous coverage about the Main Street Revitalization Project and follow new developments online at cgsentinel and in the Wednesday print editions of The Sentinel.

Courtesy photo

As of press time, the recount was pending. Follow developments online at cgsentinel. com and in the Wednesday print editions of The Sentinel.

# School Board election recount still pending

CINDY WEELDREYER Cottage Grove Sentinel

For four candidates seeking a seat on the South Lane School Board, it's been a long wait to receive the much-anticipated June 16 certification of the May 20 Special Election outcomes.

# **POSITION 5 RACE**

Position 5 Incumbent Colleen Valley narrowly retained her seat by only 12 votes over challenger Tony Lefler. She said she is glad the results have been finalized and voters allowed her to continue serving for another term. She also complimented the motivation of her

opponent. "I don't know Tony, but he seems like a thoughtful person," Valley said. "I appreciate him caring enough about the children in our community

to run for the school board." When asked what she hopes to accomplish in the next four years, the businesswoman said she especially looks forward to working with the new superintendent, Todd Miller. He concludes his 12-year tenure with the rural Santiam Canyon School District (east of Salem) on June 30

and assumes his post here on July 1. Valley said, "I hope to continue the positive momentum we have by increasing graduation rates, helping kids find the right career path, and focusing on learning in all respects. I'm excited to be able to continue this work."

Position 5 Challenger Tony Lefler made his first bid for public office in this election. The service manager of a local car dealership, Lefler reflected on the experience and described his motivation to seek the seat.

"The whole experience was amazing," he said. "My entire family and our friends supported me very much. I love the fact the public was so interested in the race and the outcome. The main reason I ran was for the kids. I wanted to see positive changes for them."

He added, "I urge people to pay attention to things going forward.

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# **WHO WE ARE**

# After 35 years, Great Days' administrator 'graduates'

CINDY WEELDREYER

Cottage Grove Sentinel

It was a "graduation into retirement" ceremony at the Great Days Early Education Center for its administrator, Barbara Howell, after 35 years of

# INDELIBLE MARK

The Thursday evening event, June 5, began with a request to wear a ceremonial green cap and gown and to listen as speakers took turns telling heartfelt stories of Howell's accomplishments and confirming the indelible mark she has made to ensure the nonprofit organization's future success.

As lots of little ones played energetically around the play yard, unaware of the significance of the occasion, nearly 50 friends, relatives, past and present staff, and (now all grown up) alumni gathered to celebrate the invaluable contributions Howell made to the center as operations manager and by providing loving support to staff, parents and their children.

For decades, drivers along North River Road have noticed the occasional improvements to the outside of the Great Days Early Education Center (GDC) at 403 N. River Rd. At her "graduation ceremony", GDC Head Teacher Alisa Walley read a lengthy list of accomplishments of the center's

chief grant writer. She also noted Howell's skill at deal-making that maximized a limited facilities budget.

She arranged for the removal of an old house next door and replaced it with a play structure. She traveled to Salem to purchase pieces of a covered structure for \$100 that volunteers reassembled over the playground on the north side of the building. She coordinated the concrete work for sidewalks around the building and created a slab under the playground cover for students to ride their trikes and play without getting wet and muddy.

She added much needed storage sheds on the property and converted a storage room into a small classroom. She replaced a failing fence around the play yard and arranged to erect an attractive metal fence in front of the center to protect potential runaway toddlers from the dangerously busy street.

As a teacher, Walley expressed her deepest gratitude to Howell for her efforts that added four new bathrooms to the building's original two.

"I taught two-year-olds in the back classroom and had to send them to a bathroom in the front of the building. Today, I have a bathroom IN my classroom, thank you Barb!"

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Cindy Weeldreyer/ Cottage Grove Sentinel

Kids play in the background as Great Days Early Education Center Administrator Barbara Howell enjoys the celebration of her long career at the center.

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# Local resident arrested in child sexual abuse investigation

JEREMY C. RUARK Cottage Grove Sentinel

A local man faces multiple charges following his arrest during a child sex abuse investigation.

On June 19, at approximately 12:30 p.m. a Cottage Grove Police detective and police officers arrested 61-year-old

Cory M. Aslin at his residence in Cottage Grove.

"The arrest is the result of an ongoing investigation into allegations that Aslin possessed sexually explicit images of children during which a search warrant had previously been executed at his residence," Cottage Grove Police Chief Cory Chase

Aslin faces the following charges:

• Encouraging Child Sex Abuse in the First Degree - 88 Counts

• Encouraging Child Sex Abuse in the Second Degree - 88 Counts

· Possession of materials depicting sexually explicit

conduct of a child in first degree – 88 Counts

The Lane County Sheriff's Office and the FBI assisted Cottage Grove Police in the investigation.

"The arrest is part of a partnership between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to combat child exploitation

and protect the children in our community," Chase said. "Thank you to the agencies who participate in the Lane County ICAC Task Force and work together to make our community safer."

The investigation is ongoing and no further details are available at this time. Chase added.

If anyone has any information regarding this investigation, they are asked to contact the Cottage Grove Police Department at 541-942-9145 and reference case # 2025-0253.

# **POLICE BLOTTER**

The police blotter relates to the public record of incidents as reported by law enforcement agencies.

All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Information printed is preliminary and subject to change.

For specific details about cases listed, contact the appropriate law enforcement agency.

#### **Cottage Grove Police**

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 9**

01:12: Nuisance, 1800 block W. Harrison Ave. 09:01: Illegal parking, 800 block S. 6th St. 09:22: Assault, 1000 block e. Main St.

09:45: Warrant service, 1100 block E. Main St. 10:38: Agency assist,

900 block N. Douglas St. 11:19: Abandoned vehicle, 800 block S. 2nd

12:12: Trespass, 1100 block E. Main St. 14:06: Theft, 16th/ Madison

14:28: Disturbance, 80000 block Hwy 99 16:45: Suspicious subject, 1500 block Main St. 19:00: Warrant service, 1100 block Main St. 21:41: Nuisance,

Gateway/Main 22:35: Warrant service, 1000 block E. Taylor

22:50: Disturbance, 1800 block E. Main St.

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 10**

01:03: Suspicious condition, 300 block North K St.

01:12: Shots fired, 1700 block E. Main St. 03:00: Suspicious subject, 1000 block Taylor Ave.

03:19: Nuisance, 500 block E. Madison Ave. 03:29: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.

03:38: Warrant service, Main/10th

05:30: Illegal camping, River Rd/Willamette Ct. 06:54: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd. 08:23: Abandoned vehicle, 400 block S.

08:32: Criminal mischief, Main/6th

16th St.

10:21: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

11:07: Suspicious condition, Harrison/River Rd.

11:54: Fraud, 200 block South M St.

13:22: Found property, 1200 block S. River Rd. 13:58: Suspicious condition, 1300 block Birch

Ave. 14:12: Motor vehicle crash, Row River Rd/Jim Wright Way

15:19: Abandoned vehicle, Chamberlain/

Douglas 15:47: Order violation, 400 block Adams Ave.

16:31: Warrant service 400 block E. Main St.



18:39: Fraud, 1000 block Villard Ave.

# **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11**

00:05: Suspicious subject, 78000 block Hwy 99

00:28: Wanted subject, 1000 block E. Main St. 01:41: Suspicious condition, 1100 block S. 2nd St.

03:53: Disturbance,

400 block S. 16th St. 07:18: Found dog, Main/River Rd. 11:07: Trespass, 600

block E. Washington

11:22: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St. 11:52: Illegal camping, 700 block Hwy 99

12:30: Disturbance, 900 block W. 20th St. 12:50: Harassment, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave. 12:52: Warrant service,

400 block E. Main St

15:51: Assault, 900 block N. Douglas St. 19:01: Alarm, 2500 block Main St.

21:20: Disturbance, 100 block North I St. 22:01: Alarm, 100 block S. 5th St.

23:29: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Gateway Blvd.

23:45: Suspicious subject, 200 block N. 10th

# **THURSDAY, JUNE 12**

01:36: Disorderly subject, 100 block N. 6th St. 07:26: Theft, 100 block Gateway Blvd. 08:46: Abandoned vehicle, 10th/Washington 09:21: Fire, 7th/Main 11:18: Illegal camping, 1100 block S. 4th St. 11:25: Drug activity, 500 block Gateway Blvd. 11:35: Fire, 1000 block

N. 9th St.

12:27: Found drugs, 2300 block S. 8th St. 14:00: Found dog, 1800 block W. Main St.

14:21: Vehicle impound, 1500 block Hwy 99

14:25: Theft, 1600 block Curry Ave. 14:49: Found dog, 300

block S. River Rd. 15:20: Disorderly subject, 1500 block E. Main

16:41: Alarm, 1500 block S. 4th St.

17:36: Welfare check, 1600 block Daugherty

18:27: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St. 18:52: Hit and run,

1500 block Village Dr. 19:10: Fire, 200 block Grant Ave.

19:55: Wanted subject, 200 block N. 12th St.

20:41: Suspicious conlition, 200 block Ouincy

22:16: Suspicious vehicle, 300 block S. River Rd.

23:45: Disorderly subject, 900 block E. Main

### FRIDAY, JUNE 13

00:20: Unlawful entry into motor vehicle. 78000 block Row River Rd.

01:18: Agency assist, Whiteaker/Crestview

01:47: Warrant service, 100 block Gateway Blvd. 04:06: Suspicious vehicle, 1600 block Gateway Blvd.

06:11: Alarm, 500 block E. Main St. 07:45: Fraud, 1500 block E. Main St. 08:30: Dog at large,

1400 block Birch Ave. 09:50: Citizen assist, 1200 block Hwy 99 10:53: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

10:58: Wanted subject, 100 block N. River Rd. 11:01: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St. 11:03: Hit and run, 900

block Row River Rd. 11:15: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St. 15:59: Found drugs,

1500 block E. Main St. 16:16: Found property, 1000 block S. 2nd St. 16:55: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.

18:12: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St. 20:57: Stolen vehicle, Douglas/Ostrander 22:35: Barking dog, 900 block Arthur Ave.

# ODF taking to the sky for forest health review

JEREMY C. RUARK Cottage Grove Sentinel

If you look up this month and see a slowflying plane crisscrossing the skies over Oregon it's likely just researchers looking for signs of damage in Oregon forests from insect pests and other threats.

The Pacific Northwest Aerial Detection Survey of Oregon's forests has been conducted by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the USDA Forest Service (USDAFS) since the 1940s, except during the 2020 pandemic. It is the longest continuous annual survey of its kind in the United States.

To complete the survey, airborne researchers take off in fixed-wing aircraft

with one on each side of the plane. They use laptops to record where trees appear to be in trouble. Survey flights typically fly between 1,500 to 2,500 feet above ground level, following a systematic grid four miles apart and traveling at 90 to 140 miles an hour, according to ODF Forest Entomologist Christine Buhl.

"Oregon has about 30 million acres of forest so flying in a grid pattern over it allows us to find problems even in remote areas hard to reach by vehicle or on foot," Buhl said. "For several years this survey has identified a trend in increasing tree deaths as a result of drought stress and subsequent opportunistic beetle attack, which finishes off these stressed trees."

Trees that are most stressed are those that are less drought-tolerant or have spread into fringe habitat and don't have time to adapt to the rapidly changing conditions, according to Buhl.

"Beetles might be the immediate cause of a tree's death but the underlying cause is often drought," she added.

Other causes of trees being injured or killed can also be viewed from the air, such as damage from storms and wildfires.

Last year's report showed drought, insect pests, and tree diseases continue to be the biggest threats to the state's trees. That report is available at https://www.oregon.



Courtesy from the ODF

Observers with the Oregon Department of Forestry are flying over Oregon's forests this summer in collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service to gauge the health of the state's trees.

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documents/forest-healthhighlights.pdf. "Best management

practices are to plant the right tree species and seed zone in the right place for projected climate and keep stocking density to a level that can be supported during drought," Buhl said.

Due to persistent dry conditions, she said she expects the 2025 survey to see more of the same trends in higher tree deaths in Oregon's driest areas, such as in southwest Oregon and east of the Cascades.

Buhl emphasized the importance of on-theground collaborators to help round out the full picture of forest health in Oregon. "In addition to infor-

mation ODF and the **USDA** Forest Service gather, we rely on Oregon State University Forestry Extension staff from across the state, and collaborate with other natural resource agencies, universities, public and private forest landowners, and members of the public to gather information on the ground," she



# Bohemia Mining Days Festival Countdown We provide high quality

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Theme: "Striking Gold: A Legacy Reignited"

The Bohemia Mining Days Festival is just three weeks away, and excitement is building! This beloved summer tradition has brought our community together to celebrate the rich history of the Bohemia Mining District forging heritage since 1959.

The festival is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, July 17-19, at Coiner Park in Cottage Grove.

Visit www.spiritofbmd.com for event details, sign-ups, and updates.

Follow along for behindthe-scenes previews and festival fun:

• Facebook: Spirit of BMD | Instagram: @spiritofbmd | TikTok: @spirit.of.bmd | YouTube: Spirit of BMD

"We've had so many exciting moving pieces — events coming together, partnerships forming — it's shaping up to be one of the best yet," **Executive Director Matthew** Hewlett said.



Courtesy photo

The festival is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, July 17-19, at Coiner Park in Cottage Grove.

Here's how you can take part in the legacy:

## 1. MAKE A DONATION

This is more than just a weekend celebration — Spirit of Bohemia Mining Days is a year-round, communityrooted organization dedicated to exploring history, experiencing community, and preserving the legacy. Your contribution supports not only the festival but our ongoing efforts throughout the year.

Every dollar helps us keep the tradition alive — this year and for future generations.

Ways to give:

- Online: spiritofbmd.com
- By Mail: Send checks to Spirit of Bohemia Mining Days, PO Box 1333, Cottage Grove, OR 97424
- In-Person: Donate at Northwest Community Credit Union — just ask to support Spirit of BMD

2. DRESS UP AND STEP INTO HISTORY

We invite everyone to help recreate the magic of Bohemia City by dressing in Old West attire - from cowhands and miners to saloon dancers and pioneers.

There's even a Costume Contest on Saturday afternoon at the Main Stage with prizes for the most spirited looks.

#### 3. GET INVOLVED!

Vendor booths are full, but there's still time to join the Saturday morning parade or sign up as a volunteer. Whether you're helping with kids' games, greeting guests, or keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes, your time makes a big impact.

Sign-up forms and details are available at spiritofbmd.

Special thanks to our presenting sponsors: Woodard Family Foundation, Starfire Lumber, and the City of Cottage Grove for their generous support in making this year's festival possible.

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# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **COTTAGE GROVE** HISTORIC DISTRICT

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# **JUNE 27**

Children's author Carrie Tillotson will be reading from her latest book Alpacas Here, Alpacas There at the Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 East Gibbs Avenue, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday June 27. Tillotsomn will be the Friday Art Walk writer at the Bookmine on Main Street 6-8 p.m. Tillotson's books will be for sell and can be signed at both events. For more details, call the Cottage Grove Public Library at 541-942-3828.

# **JUNE 27-28**

The Cottage Grove Art Collective presents "Summer In The Grove," held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 27 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 28, at the bank building in Cottage Grove, located at 609 E Main Street. The gallery is free and open to all.

**JUNE 28** 



Courtesy photo

Oregon Aviation Historical Society's 11th Annual Cottage Grove Wings & Wheels at the Jim Wright Memorial Field in Cottage Grove from 10 a.m. to 4. p.m. Aircraft, autos, motorcycles, modern and vintage will be on display. Art display by local artists for sale and a raffle will be held to help fund the museum. Admission is \$5 for adults and children 13 years and older. Under 13 years are free. No dogs allowed at this family-friendly event.

# JUNE 30

Swinging in the Park with Blue Skiers Big Band from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Coiner Park, 1300 E Main Street in Cottage Grove. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Donations welcome. Listen to 22 performers scheduled to bring the music of your life with grass dancing and big smiles. For more information, contact Larry Bottemiller at 541-521-5501, or at larrybottemiller@gmail.com

# JULY 4

Creswell Fourth of July Celebration. Festivities begin in Holt Park with an early morning breakfast and following a community parade. A new event this year includes the Creswell Rodeo Gates will open at 1 p.m. with the rodeo events beginning at 3 p.m. Fireworks display at Creswell High School. Rodeo tickets are \$10 per person. Children 2 and younger free Tickets available at Farmlands Market and Country Farms and Ranch Supplies in Creswell.

# **JULY 11-12**

Cottage Grove Rodeo. The 75th annual rodeo presented by Brad's Chevrolet at the Cottage Grove Riding Club, 77958 Highway 99 South in Cottage Grove. Gates open at 3 p.m. Jr. Barrel Racer qualifiers at 4 p.m. Mutton Busters, Calf Riders, and Steer riders at 5 p.m. Main event at 7 p.m. includes Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer Wrestling, Roping events, Barrel Racing and Bull Who cares about

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# Cottage Grove Humane Society receives \$5,000

T-Mobile has awarded \$5,000 to the Cottage Grove Humane Society as one of the company's latest 25 Hometown Grant recipients.

"The \$5,000 grant will go toward renovating the Humane Society of Cottage Groves This and That Thrift Shop, updating electrical panels and wiring to reduce potential fire hazards and continue to be a source of vital funding for all our animal welfare programs," the Humane Society officials

The organization was selected from nearly 1,000 applicants, according to a release from T-Mobile. Across Oregon, T-Mobile has now provided more than \$550,000 to 14 cities through the initiative, including Cottage Grove.

"The Humane Society of Cottage Grove serves as an invaluable resource for both the community and animals in our region," Local veterinarian Dr. Carolyn Damewood who works with the Humane Society said. "They have successfully financed hundreds of spays and neuters for our

local dogs and cats through grants, low-income programs, and coupons. Additionally, they assist low-income pet owners in both crisis situations and routine care."

Each quarter, T-Mobile awards 25 Hometown Grants to small towns with populations of 50,000 or less. To

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#### **OBITUARIES & NEWS**

# Cathern Agatha (Herndon) Brooks

May 21, 1933 - June 5, 2025

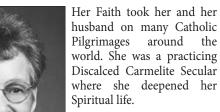
Cathern Agatha (Herndon) Brooks, beloved wife of James Walter Brooks (deceased), passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, June 5th, 2025.

Cathern (Cathy) was born in Lansing Michigan on May 21st, 1933, and raised in Coral Gables, Florida where she met her sweetheart, Jim and married him, June 18, 1953.

They had their first two daughters in Florida before being transferred to Orange County, California where she was a devoted military housewife raising six children while her husband was serving with the United States Marine Corps. Cathy's hobbies included, sewing, quilting, painting, and gardening.

Once her husband retired from the military, they moved their family to Cottage Grove, Oregon in 1974. Cathy went back to school at Lane Community College to become an R.N. and graduated June 7th, 1985

Cathern is survived by one sibling, Mary-Ellen (Herndon) O'Neill, five of their six children, Catherine, Sue (deceased), Terry, Mike, Mary and Patty. Cathern had sixteen grandchildren (one deceased) and fourteen Great Grandchildren (one deceased), and one Great-Great Grandchild. Cathern was very active in and with her Catholic church.



The viewing will occur at 9:45am followed by a rosary that will be prayed at 10:45am. The funeral Mass will begin at 11:00am and all will be held at Our Lady of

Perpetual Help Catholic Church, located at 1025 N. 19th Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424, on Saturday, June 28th, 2025. A reception will occur after Mass, in the Parish

Her interment will follow the Funeral Mass and reception, at Mount Calvary Cemetery, located at 220 Crest Drive, Eugene, Oregon, 97405. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to (OLPH) Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1025 N. 19th Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424, for "The Mission of the Church" or to "Carmelite House of Studies" mail to: 300 Humpert Lane, NE, PO Box 260, Mount Angel, Oregon 97362 (In Memory of Cathy Brooks) or to OLPH for Masses to be said for Jim and Cathy Brooks.

Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

# Sandra Smith

Nov. 25, 1967 - June 15, 2025

Sandra Lee Smith passed away Sunday morning, June 15. She is survived by her loving husband, Charles, and her child Luc Carlyle, as well as stepsisters and brothers, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Her family and friends will miss her kind and gentle nature. A celebration of Sandra's life was held on Tuesday, June 24 at the Cottage Grove Elks Lodge, 755 North River Road.

In 1975, Jerry and Barbara

Howell moved to Cottage

Grove and began a logging

children.

tive position.

business while raising their six

When their business slowed

in 1990, and with her success

in raising her own children, she

applied for the open administra-

"The school has needed

much renovation and restruc-



# **Death Notices**

Larry Archie Ashbridge, age 90, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, passed away June 16, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

Kathryn Lee Owens, age 75, passed away May 15, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

Anne Tunzi, 90, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away June 11, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

will never work a day in your and be there when we needed them," Howell said. **FAVORITE MEMORIES** 

She went home with a "Retirement Diploma" presented by the Retirement Committee.

"Given in recognition of a distinguished career marked by dedication, wisdom and countless contributions. We hereby award this diploma with all the rights and privileges pertaining to a retirement full of leisure, grandparent spoiling, sleeping in, travel, and endless days off."

#### WHAT'S NEXT

Her immediate plans are to travel to Ecuador to visit her daughter and son-in-law who volunteer with her husband doing construction work for Jehovah's Witnesses.

The Great Days Early Education Learning Center is located at 403 N River Road in Cottage Grove and may be reached at 541-942-7460. Who We Are is a frequent Sentinel feature highlighting the people in our community.

# AFTER

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Howell was praised for all the transportation upgrades made in the last three plus decades. When she began her job in 1990, the center used a Volkswagen van to transport the children. The first upgrade

was to a 15-passenger van. Later, she found a great deal on the internet for a small bus and flew to Michigan to drive it back.

GDC's location at the eastern base of Mt. David makes it prone to flood damage. Howell's last major project was to clean up and restore the building after it was extensively flooded in the heavy rainstorms last March.

The building was built in 1950 as a Seventh-day Adventist school. In 1974, it was purchased by a nonprofit organization that operated as a childcare cooperative governed by parents and community members. It was noted in the ceremony that some in that day referred to the learning center as "the hippy school". The governance model continues to this day.

turing over the years," Howell said. "We've done so much over the course of 35 years with the help of many boards, and staff and community members." Currently GDC has a staff of 12 to serve 50 preschoolers and 30 after-schoolers.

When asked why she stayed so long she said, "When you go to work and you are greeted by children that run up to you and hug you, whether they are three-year-olds or 10-year-olds, how can you call that work? The saying is true, 'If you find something you love to do you

She said her favorite memories are the families they have served, the board members who volunteered countless hours, and the numerous agencies that have worked in tandem to provide a safe and loving educational environment for so many years.

Howell thanked those gathered for the ceremony and the broader community for its longtime support and generosity. She acknowledged the center's valuable partnership with the South Lane School District to transition pre-kinder kids to kindergarten and providing transportation for students in GDC's afterschool program. She said the City of Cottage Grove administrators and the fire and police departments have also been very supportive.

"Whether it was for a field trip or an emergency, I always felt that if I needed them they would prioritize Great Days

# RECOUNT

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Stay involved and ask questions. I want to thank everyone for the opportunity and the support I received during

#### this whole process." **POSITION 7 RACE**

According to the Oregon Secretary of State's website, that includes the results from

you love.

all counties, the Position 7 race is so close it statutorily triggers an automatic recount after the final certified results are reported. As of June 16, Parsons was ahead of Gowing by just three votes to serve the final two years of a four-year term.

Incumbent Jeff Gowing, a former Cottage Grove Mayor and retired Weyerhaeuser millwright, was appointed by the school board in February 2024 to fill a vacancy and

he wants to complete the remaining two years of Position 7's four-year term. His challenger, Bill Parsons, is a businessman and retired South Lane County firefighter. Both candidates were classmates at Cottage Grove High School in the late 1970s.

Gowing said, "I never expected this race to be so unclear about who won There were a lot of people pulling for me, knocking on doors and pounding the pavement. A lot of them I never met, however, they supported me, and I can't thank them enough. It's nice to feel that small town support. I'm a native Grover and I'm not going anywhere."

He said regardless of the final outcome, he remains committed to supporting the district.

"I've already started working with principals on helping kids get the mentors and job shadows they will need to move forward. I don't need the position to make a difference in these kids' lives; for me, it's all about caring for the community.

Challenger Bill Parsons said his first attempt to seek an elected position was an eye-opening experience. He was surprised by how unaware the public is about the school district's

problems. He said it was disappointing to see how few people actually voted, but the people who did vote were very passionate about who they were voting for.

His said the district needs to focus on getting back to the basics, improving test scores and expanding vocational opportunities. He hopes the outcome of the recount will give him the opportunity to do that.

Parsons noted the state of Oregon ranks near the bottom of nationwide test scores and South Lane School District is failing in many areas to meet state levels. He believes the focus needs to be on better graduation rates and improving student

attendance. "We also need to look at how to create better work environments for our staff so that they feel our school district is a fulfilling place to work," he added. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity of working with our new superintendent. He's going to be a great asset to the school district."

When asked if he plans to remain involved in school district matters if the recount goes in Gowing's favor, Parsons said,

"I will be available if opportunities are presented to help the district reach

its goals. Our kids are our future, and I'm committed to helping in any way I can."

# **NEXT STEPS**

A Lane County Elections spokesperson replied to the Sentinel's June 16 email inquiry on the next steps in the process to determine the winner in that race.

The unidentified spokesperson said, "Final certified results are posted to our website today. We are in the process of scheduling automatic recounts that are required by ties or margins lower than one-fifth of one percent per ORS 258.280. Currently, Position 7 for South Lane School District is within the statutory margin for an automatic recount, but Position 5 is not. Recounts are be scheduled after certification of results, so none have been conducted yet. We will notify the district, the candidates, and the Secretary of State once we have the recount counting boards scheduled, as well as posting (the updated) information on our website."

As of press time, the recount was pending. Follow developments online at cgsentinel.com and in the Wednesday print editions of The Sentinel.

# **BACKGROUND**

As previously reported in the Sentinel's May 28 issue, there were four open seats on the school board in the May 20 election.

Retired schoolteacher Diane Hicks sailed past political newcomer to Cottage Grove, Rayla Campbell, with 720 votes to win the Position 2 seat. Businessman Chris Holloman defeated Sherry Duerst-Higgins by 229 votes. She served more than three decades in the Position 4 seat on the board of directors.

Local races for school boards and service districts typically have lower turnout compared to general elections. The Secretary of State's office reported the May 20 election had one of the lowest turnouts for a special district election with only 23.82-percent of registered voters participating.

Turnout figures vary by county, with some areas having higher or lower participation rates. Lane County's voter turnout percentage was approximately 21.58-percent of its 279,566 registered voters.

Editor's Note: A small portion of the South Lane School district extends into Douglas County to serve the Wards Butte area. The results posted last week reported only the Lane County election results.



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# **NEWS & VIEWS**

# Letters to the Editor

A note from your neighbor

This is a note from your neighbor, a liberal.

What's a liberal, you may ask? Hint: it's not what you see on FOX News. We love football, cookouts, country music and the Second Amendment. We like muscle cars from 1967-1971 and we love manual transmissions. We love America and the freedoms we've been granted by those who've fought and died for our country. We believe hard work is the backbone of the American economy.

So that's what we like, what we stand for. What we don't like are draft dodging sexual predators with more than 30 felony convictions for election fraud. I think we can agree nobody likes those things, right?

What we don't like are elite East Coast billionaires who've inherited their money and act like they've earned it. What we don't like are men who brag about wanting to marry their own daughters, men who think military personnel are suckers and losers, men who steal from the poor and give to the rich. I think we can agree nobody likes those things, right? We think the 'woke' movement is divisive and we think personal pronouns are just that, personal.

To conclude, if you like watching football while drinking the cold beer you picked up with your 1970 Dodge Challenger, guess what? You're a liberal. If you believe the federal government shouldn't be allowed to operate with impunity, guess what? You're a liberal. Turn off the misinformation

channel - the channel that was fined over 700 million dollars for spreading misinformation - and get to know us. We're just like you.

> Matt Emrich Cottage Grove

#### Plan as if lives depend on it

As a rapidly spreading wildfire on the northern edge of Oregon forces evacuations, now is the time for those in surrounding areas to assemble emergency kits and prepare evacuation plans.

Pack a bag for yourself and one for your animal companions containing at least one week's worth of food, bottled water, and medication. Include medical records, bowls, comfort items, and litter box supplies for cats. Make sure all animals are microchipped and wearing ID tags with current contact information.

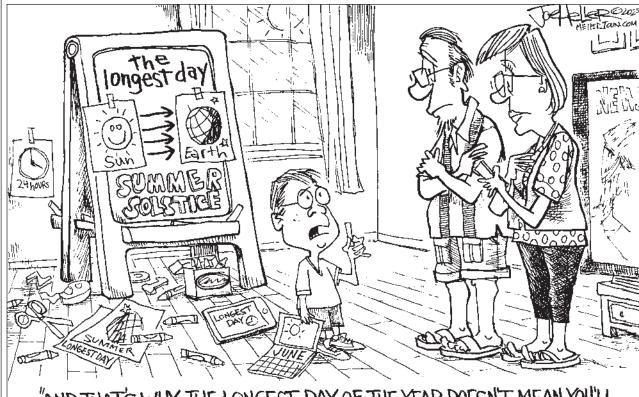
If evacuation becomes necessary, always take animals with you. Frightened animals may bolt, so keep dogs on a harness and leash and transport cats and other small animals in secure carriers. Research animal-friendly destinations—campgrounds can be a good option, and hotels often relax "no animals" policies during disasters.

If authorities force you to evacuate without your animals, never leave them tied up or confined. Fire can turn deadly in seconds. Cut fences and open stalls to give animals at least a chance to escape.

Plan as if lives depend on it. They just might.

Melissa Rae Sanger The PETA Foundation

# **EDITORIAL CARTOON**



"AND THAT'S WHY THE LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR DOESN'T MEAN YOU'LL HAVE TO ENDURE ANY MORE POLITICAL NEWS THAN ANY OTHER DAY!"

#### **GUEST COLUMN**

# The Bottle Bill: An Oregon gem

SUSAN COLLINS Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon's bottle bill, established in 1971 as the first in the U.S and the second worldwide, leads the nation with an 87% beverage container redemption rate (2023 data) and a preliminary redemption rate of 90% for 2024, far surpassing the beverage container recycling rate of 26% in nonbottle bill states.

Although the Legislature has approved changes allowing retailers to refuse nighttime beverage container redemption based on reports of increased homelessness and drug activity during those hours, the facts still tell a clear story of an incredibly successful deposit return program.

When people who purchase beverages choose not to redeem their containers, those containers become available for someone else to redeem. Programs like Oregon's, with a robust bottle and can deposit return infrastructure, can serve as a lifeline for low-income individuals, providing supplementary income that can help keep them off the streets.

Research from Occidental College economics professor Bevin Ashenmiller in California indicates that container redemption contributes a significant percentage to the livelihood of the lowestincome households, and can make the difference between being able to pay rent or not.

In addition, thanks to the bottle and can deposit return system in Oregon, nonprofit organizations like Ground Score Association in Portland and Everyone Village in Eugene are providing employment and workforce training, which is helping to keep people out of homelessness and less dependent on government services.

These programs are made possible due to the organizations' ongoing partnerships with the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC), the statewide notfor-profit industry stewardship organization responsible for administering Oregon's bottle bill. Overall, philanthropic



Elaine S. Povich / Stateline

Stephen Rines, manager of the West Bath Redemption Center in West Bath, Maine, examines a wine bottle before determining which sorting bin it belongs in. States are under pressure to increase their support of the redemption system to help struggling redemption centers stay in business and continue the popular recycling programs.

programming via the bottle bill has raised more than \$33 million for nonprofits across Oregon since 2009.

Oregon's beverage tainer return volume has doubled in the last 14 years. The state's bottle bill is widely regarded as the best in the U.S. because of its broad coverage of beverage types, a mix of convenient return options across the state, and centralized coordination by the OBRC to ensure a seamless user experience.

Yet some critics are positing that curbside recycling can replace the bottle bill with similarly high recycling rates. The facts tell a different

While curbside plays a role in beverage container recycling, many consumers believe that whatever they put in their curbside bins gets recycled, which is not the case. Newly available data show that in Oregon's

curbside programs, 41% of deposit plastic bottles are improperly sorted, and 53% of aluminum beverage cans end up in the wrong bale, meaning they may never get recycled. It is telling that in California (also a bottle bill state), when approximately half of the deposit return redemption centers closed between 2013 and 2022, the redemption rate dropped by 15% – but curbside recycling did not come close to making up the difference, even with widespread blue bin availabil-

ity in many areas. Bottle bills also reduce the number of littered beverage containers. A 2020 Keep America Beautiful study found that bottle bill states have half as much soft drink and beer container litter per capita compared to states without such programs. To further reduce litter, the OBRC partners with the nonprofit SOLVE for cleanup events statewide. Individuals who collect littered containers for income also contribute to waste reduction.

Oregon's system is built on the principle of continuous improvement. For example, SB 992 includes a provision that will enable expansion of the People's Depot, which could shift individual container returns away from downtown retail stores to The People's Depot and more volume into the Green and Blue Bag program.

As beverage consumption continues to rise, we encourage residents to review the facts demonstrating the bottle bill's success as an environmental, social and economic asset. It is important for Oregonians to consider whether they are willing to give up a program that promotes recycling, reduces waste, provides financial opportunities for those in need and directly employs hundreds of Oregonians - all while maintaining the nation's highest beverage container redemption rate.

Susan Collins is president of the nonprofit Container Recycling Institute, which produces original research, objective analysis, responsible advocacy and wide-ranging education on beverage container recycling.

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# Leisure, hospitality led Oregon job gains in May

JEREMY C. RUARK Cottage Grove Sentinel

Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined in May by 1,400 jobs, following a revised gain of 1,000 jobs in April, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.8% in May and 4.7% in April, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.1% in May 2024. The state's 4.8% unemployment rate was 1.2 percentage points higher than the recent low of 3.6% during spring 2023.

**GAINS AND LOSSES** May's gains were largest in leisure and hospitality (+1,300 jobs); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+1,200); and health care and social assistance (+900). Declines were largest in construction (-1,700 jobs); manufacturing (-1,200); and professional and business services (-900).

Leisure and hospitality has grown rapidly this year, adding 1,300 jobs in May and 6,000 jobs so far this year, following slight declines over the prior

two years. In the past 12 months, three component industries grew rapidly: amusement, gambling, and recreation (+1,700 jobs, or 8.5%); limited-service restaurants and other eating places (+3,600 jobs, or 4.8%); and accommodation (+1,100 jobs, or 4.5%).

Construction employment dropped by 1,700 jobs in May, to a total of 112,300 jobs, continuing a downward trend. Since reaching a peak of 119,000 jobs in June 2023, construction has shed 6,700 jobs, or -5.6%.

Manufacturing cut 1,200 jobs in May, continuing its decline of the past two years. Since May 2024, manufacturing has lost 6,100 jobs, or -3.3%. In that time, the component industries cutting the most jobs were semiconductor and other electronic component manufacturing (-2,900 jobs, or -8.7%);transportation equipment manufacturing (-500 jobs, or -4.5%); and fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty food manufacturing (-400 jobs, or -4.4%).

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2% in both April and May.

# Weekly Online Poll How often do you follow **South Lane School District**

**School Board meetings?** 

I watch or attend every meeting

- I read/listen to developments in local media afterward
- I only listen when there's controversy The meetings don't concern me

# Previous Poll Results

Do you believe a stronger city nuisance ordinance is necessary for Cottage Grove?

\_\_\_ 76.5% Yes

23.5% No

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CGS25-143 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 180984 APN: 20-03-31-00-01715 / 1664471 Reference is made to that certain deed made by Quint Barnaby and Lesa Collins-Barnaby, as tenants by the entirety as Grantor to Fidelity National Title Insurance, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as designated nominee for U.S. Bank N.A. as Beneficiary, dated 11/30/2011, recorded 12/05/2011, in the official records of Lane County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2011-055138 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: PARCEL 2. LAND PARTITION PLAT NO. 2000-P1347 RECORDED APRIL 19, 2000, DOCUMENT NO. 2000-022179, LANE COUNTY RECORDS, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 78388 Halderman Road, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 The current beneficiary is U.S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 05/03/2016 as Inst No. 2016-020129 in the

records of Lane, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 05/01/2024 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust. 1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance of: \$120,857.26; 2. Interest through 03/26/2025 in the amount of: \$4,754.84 3. Recoverable Balance in the amount of: \$1,077.58 4. Escrow Advances in the amount of: \$3,958.23 5. Accumulated Late Charges in the Amount of: \$287.01 6. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 4.0000000% per annum until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. The principal sum of \$120,857.26 together with the interest thereon at the rate 4.0000000% per annum from 04/01/2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 07/30/2025 at the hour of 1:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Lane County Courthouse, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, 97401, County of Lane, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest

acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured (and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee). Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while there is a default. This shall serve as notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing metham phetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic.

Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 07/30/2025 (date). The date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as a residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE. IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: Is the result of an arm's-length transaction; Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord.
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move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: You do not owe rent; The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS. YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. OREGON STATE BAR, 16037 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Road, Tigard Oregon 97224, Phone (503) 620-0222, Toll-free 1-800-452-8260 Website: http:// www.oregonlawhelp.org NOTICE TO VETERANS If the recipient of this notice is a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a service officer appointed for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves the area where you live may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that we state the following: this is an attempt to collect, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. This letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Dated: 03/27/2025 Prime Recon LLC By: Devin Ormonde, Assistant Vice President Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 Phone number for the Trustee: (888) 725-4142 A-4839066 06/18/2025, 06/25/2025,

07/02/2025, 07/09/2025 CGS25-132 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Jon Haratyk, as grantor, to First American Title, as trustee, in favor of Russell D. Leach and Lori J. Leach, as beneficiaries, dated January 27, 2020, recorded February 2020, in the records of Lane County, Oregon, as Document No. 2020-005418, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to wit: LOTS 3 & 4, COOK'S INDUSTRIAL PARK, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN FILE 73, SLIDE 195, LANE COUNTY OREGON PLAT RECORDS, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON. Both the beneficiaries and the successor trustee, Cassie K. Jones (appointed Successor Trustee in a recording filed in Lane County Deeds and Records as Document No. 2025-008976 on March 31, 2025) have elected to sell

the real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86. 752(3) (recorded on March 31, 2025 in Lane County Deeds and Records as Document No. 2025-009016). There is a default by the grantor, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such default. The default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: 1. Unpaid Principal; \$1,395,000.00 2. Accrued and unpaid interest through and including March 28, 2025 (and continuing at the rate of 7% or \$267.53/day): \$ 84,861.82 3. Attorney Fees through March 28, 2025 \$ 2,889.00 4. Trustee's Sale Guarantee Report: \$ 2,728.00 5. Insurance premiums paid: \$ 28,284.74 6. Subtotal: \$ 1,513,763.56 Because interest, late charges, insurance premiums, property tax payments, title and recording fees, attorney fees, and costs continue to accrue, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the trustee before the time you tender the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing. to the beneficiary under the trust deed pursuant to the terms of the obligation which it secures. WHEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee will on Monday, August 18 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at Lane County Courthouse, 125 E 8th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, in the City of Eugene, County of Lane, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the real property described above which the grantor had the power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the trust deed together with any interest which the grantor or grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of the sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86. 764 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due ( other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, and in addition to paying those sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee and attorney fees. Pursuant to Oregon law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's Deed has been issued by the Successor Trustee. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the purchaser's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the trustee. This shall be the purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the trustee, the beneficiary, or their agents. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantors" include any successor in interest to the grantors as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "benefi-ciary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: April 1, 2025 By: ~~Cassie K. Jones, Successor Trustee = Gleaves Swearingen LLP P.O. Box 1147 Eugene, OR 97440 (541) 686-8833



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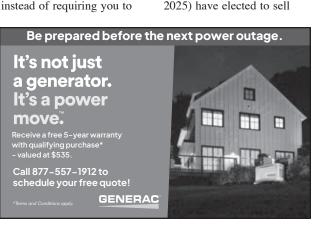
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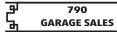


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ROW RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

A meeting of the Budget Committee and Board of Commissioners will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Row River Christian Church, 37553 Row River Road, Dorena, OR. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the approved Budget with the public, receive their comments, adopt the Budget, and make appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, as approved by the Row River Valley Water District's Budget Committee.

A summary of the Budget is presented below. A copy of the Budget may be inspected or obtained by sending a request to the Row River Valley Water District, P.O. Box 1, Dorena, OR 97434. This certifies that the Budget was prepared on a basis of accounting consistent with that used during the preceding

	Adopted Budget 2024/2025	Proposed Budge 2025/2026
General Fund:		
Personal Services	\$ 54,405.00	\$ 52,605.00
Materials & Services	\$ 72,530.00	\$ 70,400.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 32,150.00	\$ 16,000.00
Debt Repayment	\$ 27,047.00	\$ 27,047.00
Total General Fund Appropriation:	\$186,132.00	\$166,052.00
Total Unappropriated & Reserve Amt.:	\$ 733.00	\$ 463.00
TÔTAL BUDGET:	\$186,865.00	\$166,515.00

# **CryptoQuip**

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

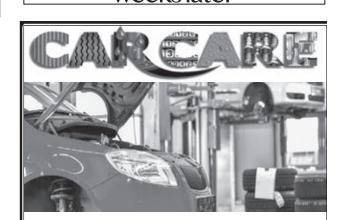
Clue: D equals R

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# **NO KINGS RALLY**



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The No Kings rally in Cottage Grove stretched along Main Street June 13.



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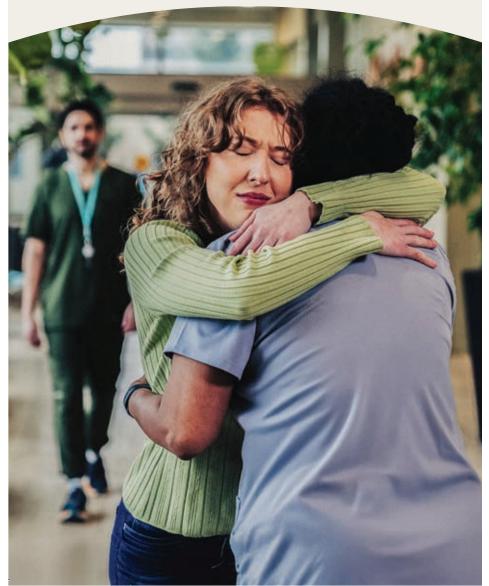
A No Kings rally was conducted along Main Street in Cottage Grove in the later afternoon, June 13.

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# **FLAG DAY**



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Red, white and blue America flags marked the Flag Day event Saturday, June 14, along the Saginaw at Interstate 5.



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Participants staged their Flag Day event on the Saginaw overpass and waved to passing drivers below on Interstate 5.

# HUMANE

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Since 2021, T-Mobile has invested nearly \$18 million

in Hometown Grants to 400 communities across 48 states and Puerto Rico. The company states in a release that its program has helped unite people nationwide to make their communities even stronger and has generated:

- 1,270 new jobs
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- \$102.4 million in matched funding from other organizations and companies
- 160,000 volunteer hours The Cottage Grove Humane Society is located at 33 N 8th Street in Cottage Grove and may be reached at 541-942-3130.

# 'Methodical' search leads to submerged vehicle

One person is safe after a vehicle goes into Cottage Grove Lake.

Details of the June 13 event have emerged in a release from the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

LCSO deputies responded to a report of what sounded like a vehicle crashing into Cottage Grove Lake along London Road, south of Cottage Grove.

As deputies arrived on the scene at approximately 10 p.m. June 13, they were unable to find a vehicle, but found signs of a crash, according to the release.

The LCSO Search & Rescue Dive Team responded and began searching the murky water in the dark. After an hour of methodical searching, they located the vehicle fully submerged but unoccupied.

"The divers continued their search, and thankfully located the driver on shore, unconscious but otherwise unscathed," the release states. "Deputies determined the driver had fallen asleep, resulting in the crash"

not immediately identified, was returned home, and the dive team assisted with the removal of the vehicle from the water by a tow company.

The driver, who was

Nearly every week, the LCSO Search & Rescue volunteers assist our residents and visitors in all types of environments.

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